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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
SHIGERU FUJITA)	Examiner: Min Jung
Appln. No.: 09/923,423)	Group Art Unit: 2616
Filed: August 8, 2001)	Confirmation No.: 9935
For: COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT)	May 31, 2006
THAT CARRIES OUT COMMUNICATION:)	
WITHIN NETWORK HAVING PLURAL)	
PIECES OF COMMUNICATIONS)	
EQUIPMENT)	

Mail Stop Issue Fee
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

Applicant is in receipt of a Notice of Allowance dated May 17, 2006, in the above-referenced application. The Issue Fee is due on or before August 17, 2006, and is being paid concurrently herewith.

Applicant respectfully traverses the Reasons for Allowance set forth in the March 15, 2006 Official Action on the grounds that while the Reasons refer to "broadcast", Claims 35 and 39 instead recite --transmit--, and while the Reasons refer to "communication apparatus and method which performs predetermined negotiation with a first device", Claims 36 and 40 instead recite that the --device executes a predetermined negotiation with said (or a) communication apparatus-- and do not recite broadcasting.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C., office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should be directed to our address below.

Respectfully submitted,



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